

**New Medical Certification Requirements
A Guide for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Holders
General Information**

**North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles
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Starting January 30, 2012 and no later than January 30, 2014, all CDL holders must provide information to the NC DMV regarding the type of commercial motor vehicle operation they drive in or expect to drive in with their CDL. Drivers operating in certain types of commerce will be required to submit a current DOT medical examiner's certificate to the NC DMV to obtain a "certified" medical status as part of their driving record. CDL holders required to have a "certified" medical status who fail to provide and keep up-to-date their DOT medical examiner's certificate with the NC DMV will become "not-certified" and they may lose their CDL.

What is changing? NC DMV will be adding your medical certification status and the information on your DOT medical examiner's certificate to your Commercial Driver's License System (CDLIS) record.

When does this change start? This change starts on January 30, 2012

What is not changing? The driver physical qualification requirements are not changing.

- If you currently **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to hold a DOT Medical Examiners Certificate you will not need to obtain one.
- If you currently **ARE REQUIRED** to hold a valid DOT Medical Examiners Certificate you will need to keep it valid.

What are CDL holders required to do?

1. You must determine what type of commerce you operate in. You must **CERTIFY** with the NC DMV to **ONE** of the four types of commerce you operate in as listed below,
 - **Interstate non-excepted:** You are an Interstate non-excepted driver and must meet the Federal DOT Medical Certificate requirements (e.g. – you are "not excepted").
 - **Interstate excepted:** You are an Interstate excepted driver and do not have to meet the Federal DOT Medical Certificate requirements.
 - **Intrastate non-excepted:** You are an Intrastate non-excepted driver and are required to meet the medical requirements for your State.
 - **Intrastate excepted:** You are an Intrastate excepted driver and do not have to meet the medical requirements for your State.
2. If you **are subject** to the DOT Medical Certificate requirements, **provide** a copy of each new DOT Medical Certificate to the NC DMV prior to the expiration of the current DOT Medical Certificate.
3. **Where to send your information:** **FAX:** (919) 861-3915 **MAIL:** NC Division of Motor Vehicles
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